

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n re Patent Application of	MAIL STOP AMENDMENT				
Anne-Marie SEPULCHRE et al.	Group Art Unit: 1761				
Application No:: 10/088,350	Examiner: Keith D. Hendricks				
Filed: June 14, 2002	Confirmation No.: 2855				
For: USE OF STRAINS OF STREPTOCOCCUS THERMOPHILUS WHICH ARE INCAPABLE OF HYDROLYZING UREA IN DAIRY PRODUCTS))))				

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In complete response to the September 20, 2004 Official Action, please first amend the subject application as follows:





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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enc	losed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.						
	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.						
	Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$65.00 (2814) \$130.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.						
	Also enclosed is/are						
Ц	Small entity status is hereby claimed.						
Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the\$395.00 (2801) ☐ \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).							
	Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.						
	Applicant(s) previously submitted						
	on, for which continued examination is requested.						
	which continued examination is requested.						
	Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.						
	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.						



X	No additional claim fee is required.
	An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS								
	No. of Claims	Highes of Cla Previo Paid	aims ously		Extra Claims		Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	. 7	MINUS	20	=	0	x	\$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	MINUS	3	н	0	x	\$200.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds n	nultiple depend	dent claim	s, add	1 \$	360.00 (1203)			
Total Claim Amendment Fee				\$ 0.00				
Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee			\$ 0.00					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT			\$ 0.00					

A check	in the amount of	is enclosed for the fee due.
Charge	to Deposit Acc	count No. 02-4800.
Charge	to credit card.	Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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